CITY AFFAIRS.

ADVERTISERS will take notice that we cannot engage that any advertisement, sent to THE NEWS office at a later hour than half-past nine o'clock at night will appear in the next morning's paper. An exception to this rule is made in favor of notices of meetings, deaths and funerals.

Meetings This Day.

La Candeur Lodge, at 8 P. M.
Marion Lodge, at 8 P. M.
South Carolina Sunday School Union, at 8 P. M.

Auction Sales This Day.

Miles Drake will sell at 10 o'clock, at his store, boots, shoes and hats.

William McKay will sell at 10 o'clock, at his store, furniture, spring wagon, &c.

R. M. Marshall & Brother will sell at 11 o'clock, at their office, draft horse.

OUR PRICES CURRENT.—We especially invite the attention of our merchants to THE NEWS Prices Current, issued this morning. Made up with the utmost care, and handsomely printed with entirely new type, it forms, with the business card of the house forwarding it, the most attractive and welcome weekly commercial circular that can be used. Price, for ten copies or more, with business cards two and a half cents per copy; single copies five cents.

SOUTH CAROLINA RAILROAD — CHANGE OF SCHEDULE.—Under the new schedule, which goes into operation on Sunday next, the day trains for Augusta and Columbia will leave Charleston, as at present, at 8.30 A. M., arriving at Augusta at 4.25 P. M., (instead of 4.45,) and at Columbia at 4.10 P. M., (instead of 4.40.) The Augusta night train will leave Charleston at 8.30 P. M., and arrive at Augusta at 7.05 A. M., and the Columbia night train, leaving Charleston at 7.30 P. M., will arrive at Columbia at 6 A. M.

THERE IS a brief announcement under our obituary head which will awaken in our community a deep interest and sympathy. It tells of the first death among the pupils of the Widows' Home, Broad street. The loss is one peculiarly affecting. The young lady who has passed away was of unusual promise, and had attracted to herself the warm regard of all who knew her. The sympathy of our whole city will go out towards the stricken widowed mother. The funeral takes place this morning at 10 o'clock, at the Huguenot Church.

DISTURBANCE IN SPARTANBURG.—On Thursday night last, a party of intoxicated United States soldiers entered the shop of Mr. Miller, on Mains treet, Spartanburg, and behaved in such a bolsterous and disorderly manner that the proprietor ordered them away. They refused to go. A fight ensued in which Miller was somewhat discomfitted, but he finally succeeded with some assistance in putting them outside, when they began to bombard the shop with stones, breaking out the windows and smashing up things inside generally. Miller fired upon them with a pistol, wounded three and put the others to flight.

RELIGIOUS NOTICE.—The Rev. A. B. Earle, the noted Evangelist, who has been conducting a series of meetings during the past week at the First and Citiadel Square Baptist Churches in this city, left for his home yesterday, he finding it necessary to abstain from the continuous labors which he has performed in a recent visit, by invitation to all the large cities of the South. We learn that the meetings in the Citadel Square Church will be continued, and that the pastor, Rev. E. T. Winkler, D. D., will be aided by visiting ministers. There will be religious services in the lecture-room at half-past 6 o'clock this morning, and in the church at 8 o'clock to-night. Seats are free, and all are invited to attend.

CRUMBS.—The jury of inquest upon the body of little Mishew, who was killed on Sunday afternoon last, adjourned until Monday next.

Trial Justice Levy yesterday committed Robert Singleton, colored, to jail, charged with stealing $75 from a woman and then setting her bed on fire.

Samuel Brown and L. Deas have been arrested by the detectives, charged with being implicated in the burglary at F. Wehmann's store on Tuesday night.

James Simmons, colored, was committed to jail by Trial Justice Levy, charged with setting fire to a house on Duncan street.

Three drunk men, by request of the Mayor, yesterday contributed $15 to the city treasury.

The election for school commissioners in Spartanburg, on Saturday last, passed off quietly, and resulted in the election of good men.

THANKS RETURNED.—The Ladies' Memorial Association desire to return their thanks to *all* who so kindly assisted them in their celebration of Memorial Day, and take this method of doing so. They feel particularly indebted to the gentlemen of the "Committee of Arrangements," whose zeal and efficiency aided so materially.

To the Grand Lodge and the members of the Masonic Fraternity for laying the corner-stone of the monument, and for their music and chorus; to the officers of the South Carolina and North eastern Railroads, who have annually so kindly furnished trains for the benefit of the association; to the editors of the Courier and DAILY NEWS, are they deeply indebted for continued favors, especially the latter, for printing their "*Odes*."

To Messrs. Jackson, of the Charleston Hotel, Gillespie, of the Express Company, for the use of their wagons, &c.; Mr. Graham, for one omnibus; Mr. Venning, who generously furnished us an abundance of evergreens from Mount Pleasant; and also Mr. Chevereux, the architect, and Mr. Stroub, keeper of Magnolia Cemetery, for kind attentions.

Hotel Arrivals—May 12

CHARLESTON HOTEL.

Daniel S. Emery, Boston; G. Conkling, Jr., H. R. Wells, New York; Alexander M. Speer, Griffin; B. N. Neeland, R. W. Boone, Blackville; S. Peiser, Athens; Sheldon Collins, New York; W. H. Webb, D. Mower, Newberry; John J. Reed, Columbia; John H. Ednis, Spartanburg; John Summers Fays, United States Army; A. R. Kennedy, Columbia; F. Auld, Orangeburg; H. D. Hamilton, Columbia; J. A. Foscano, J. R. Foscano, J. F. Foscano, Philadelphia; E. J. Brooks, Washington; J. D. McLucas, W. C. McMillan, J. M. Johnson; Marion; F. M. Knowles, Wilmington; R. S. Hill, Anderson; F. J. Kimball, Philadelphia; Mrs. Seger, Miss Seger, Dover; John Pennent, Lowndesville; S. M. Williamson, Sweet Spring; J. A. Gamble, Florida; Charles Mittendorf, Baltimore; Fanz H. Pringle, Savannah; J. W. McQueen, Florida.

PAVILION HOTEL.

W. A. Clarke, South Carolina; S. F. Hughes, Barnwell; W. H. Moseley, Aiken; J. H. Meetze, E. J. Caughman, Lexington; Miss Haden, L. A. Bryan, Manning; A. L. Steugh, York; W. Jacobs, Clinton; John A. Elkins, John G. Gladden, Columbia; A. J. Hydrick, J. Q. Parler, Orangeburg; J. E. Keitn, Mrs. R. J. Keith, Timmonsville; J. B. Carrigan, Wright's Bluff; S. B. Sawyer, Williston; T. Scott and lady, Bainbridge.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

AN ADVERTISEMENT of interest to the property owners of the city will be found in another column. It sets forth the advantages of insuring in the Continental Insurance Company of New York.

MESSRS. L. CHAPIN & Co. are offering great bargains for the next sixty days in their large stock of carriages, buggies, harness, &c., at No. 20 Hayne street, and No. 193 Meeting street.
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THE SCHUTZENFEST.

FOURTH DAY.

Sufferings of the Eagle—Good Target Practice by the Ladies—Centre Shots.

The fourth day of the Schutzenfest was very much like its predecessors—a large crowd, plenty of amusements, and a joyous good time for all who had the good fortune to be present.

A PLUCKED EAGLE.

The spread eagle which, on Tuesday morning last, rejoiced in all the requisites for a first-class live eagle, such as wings, claws, head, neck, &c., and other articles like sceptres, apples of honor, not incidental to the "bird which screams from the rocky height," was yesterday afternoon a mere wreck. The crown, head, neck, wings and claws were gone, and a large portion of the tail had separated from the body. A mere chunk of wood it seemed, yet the marksmen pitied it not, and, up to the last moment, were blazing away at the portion of the tail left. Yesterday Mr. A. Meyer shot off the neck, Mr. A. Tiefenthal the left wing, and Mr. W. Himmerbrieck the left claw.

GOOD PRACTICE BY THE LADIES.

The ladies practiced again yesterday with the air-guns. Their shots were excellent, and would compare favorably with those of the riflemen. Miss Nichols carried off the first prize—a handsome card case; Miss Wagener the second—a toilet set; Mrs. Gielfuss the third—two handsome vases.

CENTRE SHOTS.

Throughout the grounds are placards notifying the visitors to keep their cards and badges in sight, consequently nearly every hat had a green card in it. But on yesterday there were to be noticed a large number of riflemen walking around, with their hat bands stuck full of little cards. These, on inquiry, were found to be the proofs of the rifleman having made a centre shot—a card being given for each shot of the kind made. Some had ten, others twenty, one forty of these little cards. Mr. A. Gielfuss, if he did not have one hundred and six of them in his hat band had the right to wear that number there—he having made that many centre shots. Mr. F. Torck made the next greatest number.

LAST DAY.

The fest will be closed to-day. The programme is as follows:

1. The riflemen meet at the Schutzenplatz.
2. The shooting begins as on former days.
3. All firing will cease this day at 1 o'clock P. M.
4. Coronation of the new king and distribution of prizes at 4 o'clock P. M., with appropriate remarks by the orator of the day.
5. General amusements as on former days.
6. Professor Leslie, the hero of Niagara, and his fair companion, at 3 o'clock. At 8 o'clock P. M. brilliant illumination of the grounds, balloon ascension, fireworks.
7. Grand ball from 12 M. to 10 o'clock P. M.
8. At the conclusion of the festivities a salute of three guns will be fired.

This afternoon Leslie proposes to walk on the tight rope with one hundred and eighty pounds weight of chain about him; also to carry a stove out with him and cook and eat an omelette.

The exercises to-day will be of an unusually interesting character, and there will doubtless be the largest attendance of the week.

MEETING OF THE CHARLESTON COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.—A regular monthly meeting of the Charleston County Agricultural and Horticultural Society was held last evening in the Market Hall—Hon. Charles Macbeth, presiding.

Mr. Brown was requested to act as secretary.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting, the president stated that probably during the coming week the consolidation of this and the State Agricultural Society would be effected.

Major Vardell, of the Executive Committee, submitted a report, showing the work of the society for the last month.

The report related the difficulties experienced in getting up the late floral exhibition, and congratulated the society upon its success, occasioned by energy and perseverance. It also made several valuable suggestions for the management of the next floral exhibition.

The report was received as information.

Dr. Horlbeck offered the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Charleston County Horticultural Society be returned to the ladies who so kindly assisted in decorating the hall for the late floral exhibition, and also to all citizens who contributed donations of flowers, &c.

Resolved, That these resolutions be published in THE CHARLESTON NEWS and Courier.

Mr. C. B. Holmes offered the following resolutions, which were adopted, and the corresponding secretary requested to communicate the resolutions to the Hon. Mr. Simms:

Resolved, That the thanks of this association are due, and are hereby tendered, to W. Gilmore Simms, Esq., for his chaste, able and instructive address, delivered before this body on May 3d last.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be requested to publish this address in full, in the proceedings for the year.

The Executive Committee reccomended the following named gentlemen for members of the society, all of whom were elected: A. McDowell Brown, S. D. Welsh, E. D. Robinson, T. P. Mikell, F. F. Chapeau, John M. Hunt, T. T. Chapeau, J. J. Anderson, Clarence Wagener, M. W. Wigg, P. A. Chazal, W. M. Bird, W. Lawton Mikell, Alex. Macbeth, Louis McLain, Charles Kerrison, Jr.

Major Vardell stated that it had been asserted that the potato rot was caused by a parasite known as peronospora. Having observed indications of this parasite among his potatoes, he, with a view of ascertaining something definite in regard to the matter, sent some of his potato leaves to Professor S. W. Johnson, of the Sheffield Scientific School of Yale College. The professor had acknowledged the receipt of the leaves, and written that, though he was unable to discover on them peronospora, as the leaves were dry, yet he would not say there were none on them. In conclusion, the professor promised to send some valuable reports.

Major Vardell suggested that the society should, at its meetings hereafter, discuss subjects germain to the objects of the society, and thereby make the meetings not only of interest, but valuable to the members.

On motion the society then adjourned.

RESIGNATION.—We regret to learn that declining health has compelled P. K. Coburn, Esq., to resign the position of supervisor on the South Carolina Railroad. Mr. Coburn has discharged the arduous duties of his position most faithfully for a long series of years, and to the entire satisfaction of the officers of the company. He ranks, we believe, as senior employee of the company, as regards time in service. Mr. Coburn's connection with the road dates from its first organization, some thirty-five years ago.

A PAINFUL CASUALTY.—On Wednesday night last one of the most distressing accidents occurred which it is the lot of the journalist to chronicle, and in the present case is doubly painful because it has afflicted with sudden grief one of the most valuable and respected members of our community. It appears that the two sons of Mr. John Chadwick, the well known projector and proprietor of our Academy of Music, were in conversation on his plantation on Wadmalaw Island, when a pistol in the hands of the younger, Mr. John Chadwick, Jr., was accidentally discharged, and his brother, Mr. Luke D. Chadwick, mortally wounded. The pistol was not supposed to be loaded, and while he talked, Mr. Chadwick was toying with the hammer. Suddenly his thumb slipped, there was a report, and in an instant his brother Luke lay stricken upon the ground. The ball had penetrated near the right temple. The unfortunate young man lingered in an insensible condition for about three hours, when he died. The bereaved father has the sympathies of the entire community. The funeral will take place at 10 o'clock this morning from St. Michael's Church.

BUSINESS ENVELOPES.—THE NEWS Job Office is now prepared to furnish good envelopes, with business cards printed thereon, at $4 per thousand. Send your orders. Every merchant and business man should have his card printed on his envelopes.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL CONVENTION.

Pursuant to the published call, the delegates to the State Sunday-School Convention assembled in Trinity Church yesterday morning, at 10 o'clock A. M. The attendance was large and the representation influential, comprising clergymen, superintendents and teachers from nearly every district in the State. The number present may be roughly estimated at two hundred.

The church was prettily decorated for the occasion by Dr. James R. Mood, Mrs. L. Steine and the ladies attached to its Sunday-school. Baskets of beautiful flowers hung as pendants to the gas fixtures around the galleries, vases of flowers were arranged on the rostrum, and the window in the rear of the pulpit was fairly enshrined in evergreens and roses, amid which peeped out the words:

"Friends of Jesus—Welcome."

A novel feature of the convention was the presence of a sort of rotatory song book; in other words, a handsome oak frame, ten feet high, in which were adjusted several rollers. These rollers operated by a crank, unfolded long sheets of paper, on which were printed in large type, visible a hundred feet distant, a succession of hymns adapted to Sunday-School devotions—a unique and convenient mode of dispensing with hymn-books. It was, in fact, a perpendicular panorama of "Psalmody Divine." On the opposite side of the stage was a blackboard, to be used for the purposes of the convention, while scattered in front was an abundance of tracts, papers and Sunday-school literature.

The Committee of Arrangements, appointed to superintend affairs incident to the occasion, consisted of Messrs. C. P. Frazer, H. Wheelan, W. H. Houston, Jr., F. A. Silcox, and J. Adger Smythe. These gentlemen, handsomely sustained by others attached to the various churches, have labored zealously for the comfort and accommodation of their guests. The consequence is that a large number of the Christian gentlemen are quartered in private families throughout the city.

The convention was called to order at 10 o'clock A. M. by Mr. R. C. Gilchrist, superintendent of the Sunday-school of Rev. Dr. Smythe's Church, of this city. He made the following remarks:

Friends and Brothers—Charleston greets your presence, and we welcome you to our hearts and homes. Commerce, agriculture and politics have already summoned in convention the sons of our State, who have deliberated long and earnestly touching those matters which concern her material prosperity, and by which she may be redeemed from the corruption and misrule which threatens to destroy her. But this convocation of earnest Christian men, is by far the most important of all that have yet assembled, for though impelled by the same thought and seeking the same end, we propose to employ means that have never yet failed, and which have the sanction of their Divine and Omnipotent author.

Realizing that, in a few short years, not our State alone, but the whole country, must pass into the keeping of other hands, and they although now just grasping the thread of life, will then guide the helm, perhaps amid breakers more appalling than any we have seen, or else into a sure and quiet haven, we seek to prepare the youth of our land for the great and momentous duties which await them. The Sabbath-school is therefore second in importance to no religious institution of the age: an integral portion of the Church of Christ, it stands, as it were, at the very portal of life, before either the broad or narrow way has been passed by the tender feet of youth, and seeks to guide their first steps into the way of pleasantness and peace.

But, brethren, the Sabbath-school of to-day is not the Sabbath-school of fifty years ago. Then it was in the germ; now it has developed into a stately tree, whose spreading branches shelter millions, and whose fruit is for the healing of the nations. Yet its earnest workers are not satisfied with the attainments already made, but are ever seeking after greater light and improved means to accomplish the end they have in view, which is nothing less than the conversion of the young and evangelization of the world.

You have therefore responded to our invitation, and now meet with us to give and receive tidings that might cheer and energize to contribute your well earned experience, that others may take heart and do likewise, and, by mutual counsel, advance the best interests of the Sunday-school cause, and make it a greater power in the world.

Let us then, as we enter on the solemn duties this hour inaugurates, look to the only source of wisdom to guide our deliberations, and remember that with us

"Names and sects and parties fall,
And Jesus Christ is Lord of all."

Then shall our hearts be quickened to a greater sense of the importance of the work, and we will all return to our respective homes and duties to pray better, study better, teach better and work better, so that each in his own place may accomplish greater results.

Again do we welcome you all, and pray God's blessing on your deliberations.

TEMPORARY ORGANIZATION.

On motion of Mr. C. E. Chichester, Mr. F. B. Elford, of this city, was chosen chairman, *pro tem.*

Mr. Elford also added his words of welcome to those which had been uttered by the preceding speaker, and, on concluding, called upon Rev. E. H. Buist to open the convention with prayer.

The hymn "Joy to the Lord" was then sung, after which Captain Chichester moved that a committee of thirteen on permanent organization be appointed by the chair.

The motion was agreed to, and the following are the gentlemen named: Mr. C. K. Averill, of Charleston; W. K. Blake, Spartanburg; S. B. T. Fields, Barnwell; D. J. Bradham, Clarendon; Dr. Thomas Abbott, Colleton; G. A. Norwood, Darlington; Jacob Gibson, Edgefield; Dr. Isaac Branch, Abbeville; Robert McKay, Greenville; E. Rawlings, Lancaster; Rev. F. Auld, Orangeburg; A. M. Kennedy, Kershaw; J. E. Walsh, Horry.

The committee having retired, Mr. Gilchrist moved that the interval be occupied in religious exercises. The motion was agreed to. Prayers and the singing of hymns followed, Professor Hoffman presiding at the organ.

At the suggestion of Mr. Gilchrist, silent prayer for three minutes was offered by the entire convention in behalf of Rev. C. C. Gadsden, now lying ill in the city, and at the end of that time, Rev. Mr. Adams, of Charleston, by request, specially invoked the Throne of Divine Grace for the speedy recovery of that well-known and beloved clergyman.

A brief address was now made by Mr. Gilchrist on the general subject of Sunday schools, and the necessity for a convention of teachers like the one assembled; and another hymn being sung, the committee on

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION

returned and reported the following gentlemen as permanent officers of the convention. The report was agreed to:

For President—Rev. W. W. Hicks.

Vice-Presidents—W. K. Blake, Spartanburg; Hon. J. T. Walsh, Horry; Dr. Meyer, Newberry; Rev. W. P. Jacobs, Laurens; Mr. Elford, Greenville; R. S. Hill, Anderson; R. D. Senn, Richland; A. M. Kennedy, Kershaw; Kirk Robinson, Orangeburg; Rev. E. J. Meynardie, Chester; J. J. Dargan, Darlington; J. M. Johnson, Marion; Dr. S. S. Strait, Lancaster; Dr. H. M. Shuler, Colleton; James Dailey, Abbeville; Rev. W. A. Clark, Barnwell.

Secretaries.—Oliver F. Gregory, Charleston; A. H. Kirby, Spartanburg; A. B. Towers Anderson.

Executive Committee—S. A. Nelson, Charleston; R. G. Chisolm, Charleston; A. L. DePass, Kershaw; H. W. Leland, Abbeville; J. C. Smith, Greenville; F. P. Elford, Charleston; J. H. Carlisle, Spartanburg; R. Moorman, Newberry; J. V. Walsh, Sumter.

Committee on Resolutions—Dr. Isaac Branch, Abbeville; B. F. Berry, Barnwell; H. M. Rush, Orangeburg; J. D. M. Lucas, Marion; J. D. Hoof, Newberry; A. M. Folger, Pickens; J. R. Reid, Richland.

Committee on Credentials and Enrolment—J. H. Steinmeyer, Jr., George Eagen, G. L. G. Cook, W. W. Pemberton, F. A. Silcox.

Committee on Public Meeting.—Dr. Pettigrew, W. Harral, C. P. Frazer.

Committee on Statistics—T. F. Grenaker, Newberry; Harvey Cogswell, Charleston; L. Sherfesee, Charleston.

Committee on Sunday School Facts and Incidents—C. E. Chichester, Charleston; J. Auld, Newberry; J. A. Elkins, Richland.

On motion the chair appointed Messrs. Gilchrist, Robinson and Averill a committee to escort the president to the chair, on taking which, Mr. Hicks returned his thanks to the convention for the honor they had conferred upon him. He would not occupy the time of the body with any extended remarks at the present juncture, but simply say that Jesus Christ expected every man to do his duty in the great work of improving and perfecting the Sunday-school.

On motion of Mr. Gilchrist, the roll of the delegates was called as follows:

ABBEVILLE.

Abbeville Courthouse—Isaac Branch, Coke Mann.
Lowndesville—H. Harper, J. T. Barnes, B. D. Kay.
Cokesbury—Rev. A. J. Stafford, W. B. McGhee, F. H. Cooner.
Greenwood—James Bailey, W. K. Blake.
Ninety-Six—H. W. Leeland.
Siloam and Fellowship Church—Rev. F. R. Underwood.

ANDERSON.

Anderson Courthouse—A. B. Towers, Rev. Mr. Beverly, John H. Clarke, R. S. Hill.

BARNWELL.

Barnwell Courthouse—B. O'Bannon.
Aiken—Superintendent S. P. F. Fields, Miss Lizzie Dargnal, Charles Kennedy, W. H. Mosley.
Midway—B. F. Berry, C. Ehrhardt.
Allendale—Rev. W. H. Clarke, L. S. McSwain.
Bruxton's Bridge—Rev. J. W. Crider, James Varn, J. G. Pricher.

CHESTERFIELD.

Cheraw—Miss Ann McIntosh, Miss Julia Adams, J. Jerome Taylor.

CHESTER.

Chester Courthouse—Rev. E. J. Meynardie.

CLARENDON.

Manning—Rev. S. J. Hill, D. J. Bradshaw, M. J. David, E. M. Bradshaw, D. W. Cuttino and two Miss Kelleys, teachers.
Wright's Bluff—J. B. Carrigan, B. R. Briggs.

COLLETON.

St. George's—Rev. G. H. Poozer, Rev. Wm. Hutto, D. L. McAlhany, D. W. McShuler, Wm. S. Utsey, Jas. M. Weeks, Rev. J. S. Murray, Dr. Thos. Abbott.

DARLINGTON.

Darlington Courthouse—Rev. W. T. Capers, Elliott Brand, Rev. F. W. Eason, J. M. Parrott, A. F. Edwards, John J. Dargan, W. R. Davis.
Lydia—Rev. Allen D. Wilson.
Timmonsville—Rev. J. M. Weaver, Rev. Geo. H. Wells, W. J. Carter, W. B. Timmons, A. F. Culpepper.
Black Creek—J. O. B. Dargan, J. A. Williams.

EDGEFIELD.

Edgefield Courthouse—Superintendent J. Gibson, P. B. Waters, T. G. Smith.
Philipi—W. H. Zimmerman.
Cloudy Creek—John M. Norris and wife.
Graniteville—Rev. E. G. Gaye, Wm. Marchant, Rev. A. P. Norris, J. T. Howard, superintendent.

FAIRFIELD.

Doko—J. G. Gladden, Dr. S. Bookhart, F. W. Mellichamp.

GREENVILLE.

Greenville Courthouse—Rev. Samuel A. Weber.

HORRY.

Conwayboro'—Rev. A. W. Walker, J. B. Platt, S. N. Anderson.
Leavenworth—Superintendent W. T. Hill.
Oakley—J. L. Rollings.
Swift Creek School—Rev. W. D. Beck, R. N. Howle, T. N. Rhodes.
Mullins's Gapway School—Jesse Fowler.

KERSHAW.

Camden—A. M. Kennedy, W. R. McCreight, Rev. A. K. Durham, C. F. McQueen, J. F. Hay, J. R. Goodall, superintendent.

LANCASTER.

Lancaster Courthouse—S. S. Strait, and probably Rev. E. Rawlings, Mr. C Thomason.

LAURENS.

Clinton—Rev. W. P. Jacobs.

MARION.

Marion Courthouse—J. D. McLucas, A. L. McDuffie, James M. Dunlop, J. M. Johnson.

NEWBERRY.

Newberry Courthouse—Rev. O. K. Darby, R. Moorman, W. D. Metts, superintendent; T. F. Grenaker, superintendent; J. J. Pope, R. Levell, Rev. J. Hawkins, J. R. Levell, James Aull, superintendent; Levi Slawson, Rev. A. J. Cautheran, W. H. Webb, Y. J. Pope.
Helena—J. D. Hoof, superintendent; Stephen Gruber.

OCONEE.

Newburg—Dr. Meyer.

ORANGEBURG.

Orangeburg Courthouse—Rev. F. Auld, F. C. Hubble, F. S. Dibble, S. S. Waters, H. M. Rush, Rev. M. H. Poozer, Kirk Robinson, W. G. Sheridan.
St. Matthew's (Sumter) Sunday-school—Rev. J. Nichols, W. J. Snider.

PICKENS.

Pickensville—Dr. A. M. Folger, O. C. Folger.

RICHLAND.

Columbia—Rev. R. D. Smart, superintendent; R. D. Senn, M. Kennedy, John J. Read, Rev. E. A. Bolles, C. D. Stanley, W. K. Tutt, superintendant; J. A. Elkins, Rev. J. H. C. McKinney, Rev. A. R. Rude.

SPARTANBURG.

Spartanburg Courthouse—W. K. Blake, H. H. Kisly, John Simpson, W. Allen Woodruff, J. Leatherwood.

SUMTER.

Sumter Courthouse—Rev. H. M. Mood, F. A. Tradewell, J. H. Dingle, Jesse Thompson, F. A. Folsom, J. S. Hughson, Thos. V. Walsh, Jas. D. Whilden.

UNION.

Union Courthouse—Rev. A. J. Stokes and two others.
Goshen Hill—J. A. Carlisle.

WILLIAMSBURG.

Kingstree—J. M. Staggers, S. S. Scot, J. Epps.

The president called attention to the following rule, which had been adopted for the convenience of the convention:

[It is proper to add that the above list is necessarily incomplete, many credentials having been handed in which it was not practicable to obtain in time for the press.]

THE RULE OF DISCUSSION.

One half hour will be allowed for the discussion of each topic. The president will designate one person to open the debate on each subject, in an address not to exceed ten minutes, to be followed by short volunteer addresses of three, or not exceeding five minutes, until the half hour is consumed. Each speaker is expected to confine himself strictly to the subject under consideration.

He also called attention to the following notice on the programme:

The "Question Box" is one of the most pleasant and useful features of the convention. All are invited to ask questions, which must be written on paper and placed in the box. At the close of each session the box will be opened, and the questions answered as far as practicable. Write your questions legibly.

SPECIAL ORDER.

The hour of 12.30 having arrived, the special order was the report of each county in the State in alphabetical order.

Reports were received from several of the counties, but as they were chiefly statistical in character, and relate only to local Sunday-schools, they do not possess general interest. Messrs. Branch, Barnes and Mann, of Abbeville; Hill and Clark, of Anderson; Kennebrew, Clark, Sawyer, Mosely and Woodward, of Barnwell; L. C. Lawyer, of Beaufort; Rollins, Winter, J. H. Taylor, Rev. Mr. Hicks, Averill and V. Dibble, of Charleston; Rev. E. H. Buist, of Chesterfield; D. W. Cuttino, of Clarendon; Dr Shuler, of Colleton; Rev. William Capers, of Darlington, all made brief addresses, giving accounts of the respective Sunday-schools to which they are attached.

Rev. E. Bolles, State agent of the American Bible Society, expressed his pleasure in meeting the representatives of the Sunday school interest in convention, and said that teachers and pupils could always obtain Bibles and Testaments from the local agents in the several county towns or from himself.

Mr. V. Dibble, in behalf of the Young Men's Christian Association, tendered the convention the hospitality of their rooms on King street, and thanks therefor were returned, on motion of Rev. M. Jacobs.

During these exercises, hymns musical, reverboratory, plaintive and enthusiastic, were feelingly sung by the convention, and at half-past one, after prayer and doxology, the body took a recess.

Afternoon Session.

The convention reassembled at half-past 3 o'clock P. M., Vice-president W. K. Blake, of Spartanburg, being called to the chair.

The services commenced by the singing of the hymn "Beautiful Zion," and prayer by Rev. H. M. Mood.

The special order of the hour being the following subject, to wit:

"THE OBJECT AND DESIGN OF SUNDAY-SCHOOLS."

Rev. Mr. Hicks opened the discussion with a learned essay, in which he traced the institution to Mosaic times, and demonstrated that even at that early day God intended this principle and practice of instruction as one of the chief instrumentalities for the dissemination of religious knowledge. He next considered the objects of the Sunday-school, namely: to lead to God—to direct the tender life in the holy duties of time and eternity—to feed the spiritual life with the sincere milk of the world, and to educate the soul.

We regret our inability to present this masterly production as an entirety.

Captain C. E. Chichester discussed the point whether it should be the object of the Sunday-school to teach those who have no other means of education. He argued to the contrary. The mission of the Sunday-school was to teach the way of salvation—not the alphabet. To this end it should be made a pleasant place, attractive in all its surrounding and associations; yet the extreme should be avoided of offering a bribe.

Mr. Branch said that any Sabbath-school instruction which stopped short of the Throne of Grace did not come up to his standard, and he illustrated his point by reciting the history of Robert Morrison, the celebrated divine, who in his boyhood was taken from the streets by a lady, carried to a Sabbath-school, and eventually, yielding to the influences of the place, became one of the greatest and best of men.

Mr. Kugley said he stood upon the exact spot where fifty years ago a sainted teacher taught him the alphabet. His own experience thus demonstrates the importance of using this and every other means of education that would develop the mental and religious training of youth. One in a measure depended upon and resulted from the other. The influence of an intelligent youth in a family of ignorant parents, brothers and sisters, could not be over estimated, and if this intelligence could be imparted in the Sunday-school, let it be done as an auxiliary to the greater effort made in behalf of the soul's education.

Dr. Shuler, of Colleton, contended that, while the salvation of the soul was unquestionably the object of the Sunday-school, it was equally the purpose of the institution to prepare the child for the duties of life—for the obligations due first to his God and then to his fellow man. One was comprehended in the other. The education of the mind, properly conducted by a judicious teacher, would effect this result.

Mr. V. Dibble, of Charleston, said he thought teachers were losing sight of the proposition that the chief object of the Sunday-school was the conversion of the scholar. In one sense the Sabbath-school was not an educational institution. Neither mental nor moral education, strictly speaking, was designed, since the fact that a child was taught good sense or good morals did not necessarily imply the employment of those means necessary to save his soul. Too many religious teachers were content to impart knowledge which had no direct bearing on the subject, and which in after years, notwithstanding all their efforts, brought the man no nearer the foot of the Cross than when he was a child.

The time allotted to the debate now being exhausted, a hymn was sung and the convention proceeded to discuss the second subject on the programme, namely:

THE RELATION THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BEARS TO THE CHURCH.

Rev. J. T. Wightman, of this city, being appointed to open the discussion, read an elegant essay briefly reviewing the subject, and showing how church and Sunday-school were designed, by their Divine founder, to have a common origin and structure. The crowded condition of our columns, this morning, alone prevents its publication in full. Mr. Wightman concluded by offering the following resolutions:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this convention that the commands of the Great Head of the Church makes it imperative upon the church to establish and sustain Sabbath-schools, which carry out the injunction of Christ: "Feed my lambs."

Resolved, That this convention earnestly recommend to pastors and people heartily to engage in this work as the Divine place of laying the foundation of lasting piety and enduring strength in the Church of Christ.

The Rev. W. P. Jacobs, of Laurens, sustained the views above advanced in an eloquent speech, and, on his motion, the resolutions offered by Mr. Wightman were adopted.

The third subject of discussion was

THE DUTY OF PASTORS, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH TO THEIR SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Rev. W. T. Capers, of Darlington, on opening the debate, laid down the general proposition that since the hope of the Christian world was in the education of the children, it behooved pastors especially to be in constant communication with the Sunday-school; to visit it as the head of the church; to confer frequently with the teachers, and above all, to break down the restraints that might exist between the pupils and the preacher. In short, he must become one of them in sympathy and affection. A similar duty was incumbent on the parent and members. Their presence would be an encouragement, and, if they but possessed the will, they might stimulate the little ones to exertions that would redound to their own eternal welfare.

Rev. Mr. Hicks remarked that it was a lamentable fact that in many places the pastor was regarded as a sort of stranger in his own Sunday-school. He appeared to be controlled by a sort of delicacy which forbade him to stop, as he walked up the aisle, and exchange kindly greetings with the teachers and children. He seemed to imagine that his proper place was in the chancel alone, and his only duty that of addressing his audience of little ones from that point by special invitation of the superintendent. There was apparently between the officers, the pupils and the pastor a wall of ice, which not even the breath of charity, prayer or holy love could melt. It was all wrong. The pastor should feel at liberty at any time to touch the bell, and call the attention of the children to whatever great truth might, in his judgment, be connected with the lesson of the day. The utmost intimacy, unity and cordiality should exist in all the departments of the school.

Rev. W. A. Clarke agreed with all that had been said, but explained the difficulties under which many clergymen labored who were engaged in our sparsely settled country. It was impossible for them to be in frequent communication with Sabbath-schools in which they were the most vitally interested.

Rev. Mr. Adams thought there was but one objection to the present system of Sabbath-school education, and that was the tendency in the enthusiasm of pastors and teachers to exalt it above the family altar. Its great aim should be to cooperate with family instruction, and to strengthen the religious influences of home.

Dr. Alexander said that the citizen was made at the fireside. The records of eternity would doubtless show that a majority of Christians were made there also. It was all important that the two should work harmoniously together.

Further remarks on the subject were made by Messrs. Barnes, Wightman and Tyler, when the hour arrived for opening

THE QUESTION BOX.

The first slip of paper contained the following: "Ought persons who are not Caristians to be appointed to act as Sunday schoo' teachers or superintendents?"

Rev. Mr. Shuck being called upon by the president, answered the question in the negative, on the ground that a man who had not himself found the way to salvation was not competent to lead a child to Jesus.

Question No. 2: "Should parents who are members of the church permit their children to attend the dance?"

Rev. Mr. Hawkins thought they might in the city, but not in the country. [Laughter.]

Mr. Hicks said he presumed his brother spoke from practical experience. [Laughter.]

Other questions interesting and provocative of discussion were read and announced, and, after prayer by Rev. Mr. Vedder, the convention took a recess until 8 P. M.

Evening Session.

A large audience of ladies and gentlemen assembled.

Reports were heard from the Sabbath-schools of the interior, after which addresses were delivered by Rev. Mr. Norris, of Edgefield, and Rev. W. B. Jacobs, of Laurens. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Hicks, and a hymn and the benediction followed.

In closing this hurried report, we may add that the exercises are highly interesting to the public at large, and being public in character, should be attended by all, especially parents and others who appreciate the importance of Sunday-school work.

The convention to-day will resume its session at 10 o'clock, when a number of interesting papers will be read by some of the able divines of the State.

STATE TAXATION.

Judge Bryan Grants the Injunction to Restrain the State from Levying Taxes upon the South Carolina Railroad Company.

The argument in the case of Thomas Branch and Fred. R. Scott, of Virginia, and Thomas P. Branch, of Georgia, copartners as Branch, Sons & Co., vs. Reuben Tomlinson, James W. Grace, et al. of South Carolina—a motion for an injunction to restrain the State from levying taxes upon the South Carolina Railroad Company—was resumed in the United States Circuit Court yesterday.

The District Attorney opened the argument in behalf of the State. He, after reciting the facts in the bill, said that as for the purpose of this motion, the facts stated in the bill were perhaps to be regarded as true, but the law asserted by the bill could be controverted. Assuming that the act of the Legislature of 1843, as stated in the bill, did provide an exemption from taxation of the property of the South Carolina Railroad; assuming that that construction has been acted upon by the government of the State, from that time until 1868, and assuming that the act of 1868 does impose a tax upon the railroad and its property, the question which he would submit to the court was, that there is another remedy besides the one sought in this case, and that is a remedy of law, which is full, adequate and complete.

Second. They would insist upon this proposition that it has not become or is not the absolutely settled law of the country, that a Legislature can tie up the hands of subsequent Legislatures, so that they cannot tax property within the limits of the State, and tax all alike, equally and justly.

He then proceeded to show what was the remedy prescribed by law for parties who believe themselves illegally or erroneously taxed, and argued that under the law of the recent Legislature the South Carolina Railroad would have to pay the tax; that the paying of a few hundred or a few thousands of dollars would not do irreparable injury to the corporation, as the bill asserted it would.

Mr. Corbin then argued that the State system of taxation was precisely similar to that of the United States Government, with this additional advantage to the taxpayers of the State, that the State Auditor, when necessary, could convene the State Board of Equalization for the redress of grievances, and if the taxpayer is not yet satisfied, he can go into the courts and have all wrongs tested there. He would venture to assert that there was no State in the Union where the rights of the taxpayer had been more carefully guarded in the multiplicity of appeals and opportunities afforded him by the law for the redress of all illegal or erroneous assessments or taxation of property.

As to whether the Legislature of 1843 could tie up the hands of all future Legislatures, he adm